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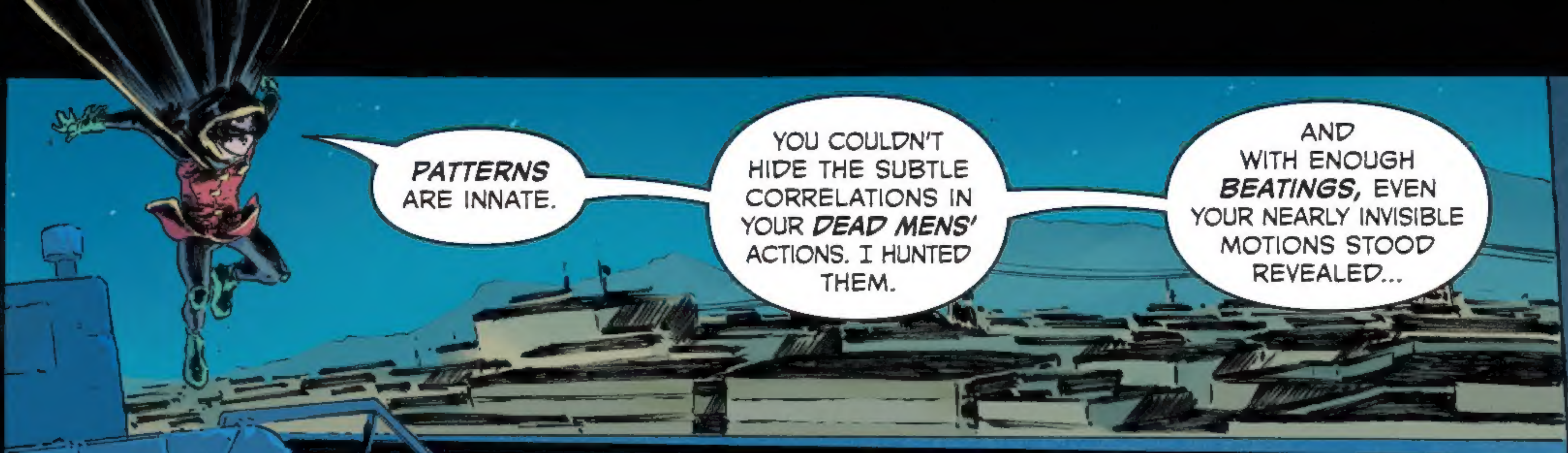
E.H. BIERSTADT
TECH CAMPUS.

hup!

ROBIN.

FOUND
YOU. THE
SILENT
SEVEN...

YOU
LISTENING?



PATTERNS
ARE INNATE.

YOU COULDN'T
HIDE THE SUBTLE
CORRELATIONS IN
YOUR *DEAD MENS'*
ACTIONS. I HUNTED
THEM.

AND
WITH ENOUGH
BEATINGS, EVEN
YOUR NEARLY INVISIBLE
MOTIONS STOOD
REVEALED...



AND
LED ME
HERE.



YOU RULE
FROM ABOVE,
BUT YOU STILL
HAVE *FOOTHOLDS*
ON THE STREET.
THAT MEANS ONE
THING...



DEEP



KRAKA--

...VULNERABLE
HARDWARE.



--BOOM



YOU
WATCHING?





"...YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN KEEPING SECRETS."

WAYNE MANOR.
THAT MOMENT.

SHIWAN KHAN.

BATMAN.

THE SHADOW.

SO,
BRUCE
WAYNE...

SHALL
WE REVISIT
CRIME
ALLEY?

SHADOW/BATMAN PART FOUR

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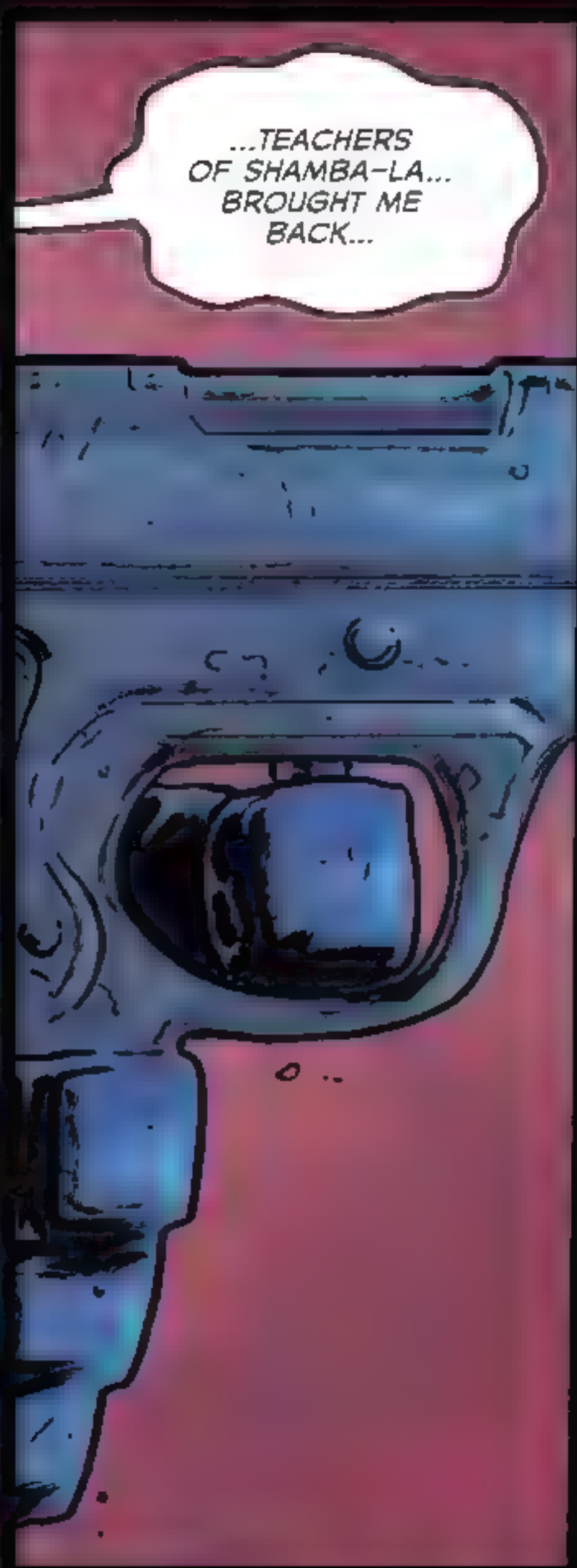


FIGHT HIM,
FOOL!



THERE IS NO "FIGHT."
UNTIL NOW I'VE BUT
ALLOWED YOU THE
ILLUSION OF
FREE WILL.

SINCE YOU
DIED AT THE FEET
OF THE SHADOW,
YOU'VE BEEN MINE,
BATMAN.

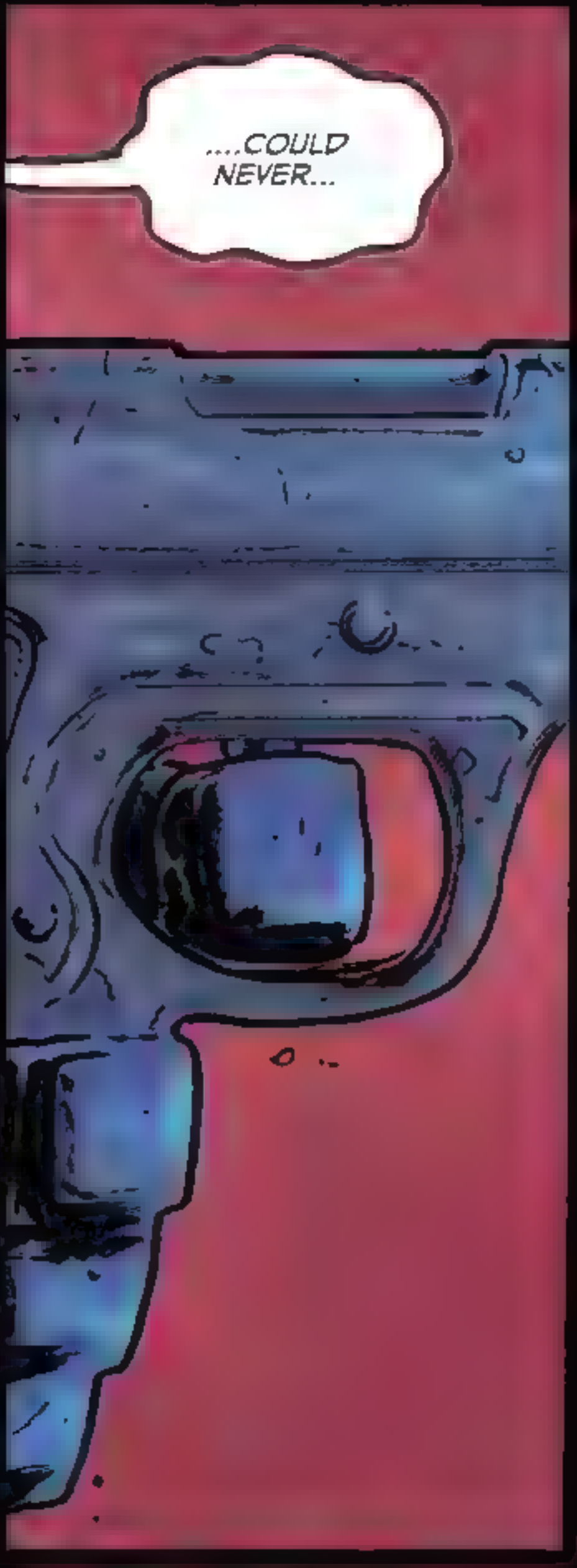


...TEACHERS
OF SHAMBA-LA...
BROUGHT ME
BACK...



A VISION I GAVE
YOU. LIKE ALL MY
DEAD MEN, I'M IN
YOUR HEAD,
BRUCE...

AND IN
YOUR HAND...
PULL THE
TRIGGER. NOW.



....COULD
NEVER...

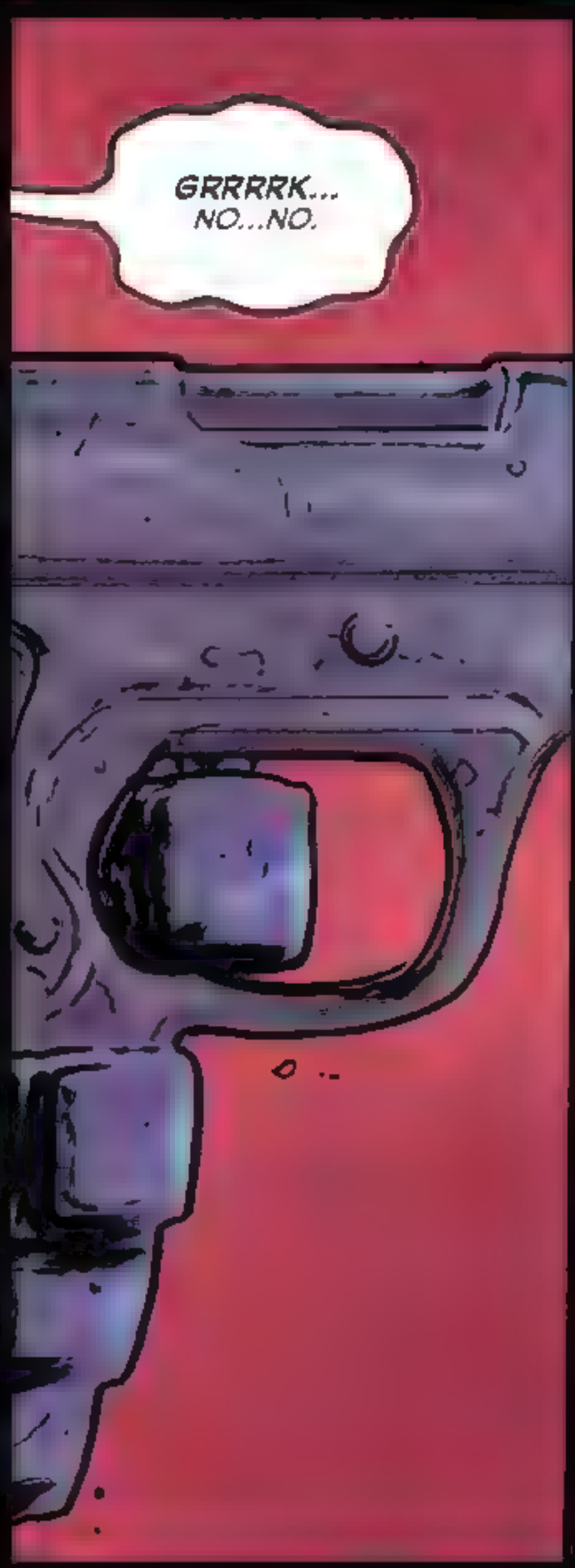


YOU WILL.
YOU CANNOT
BREAK MY
WILL.

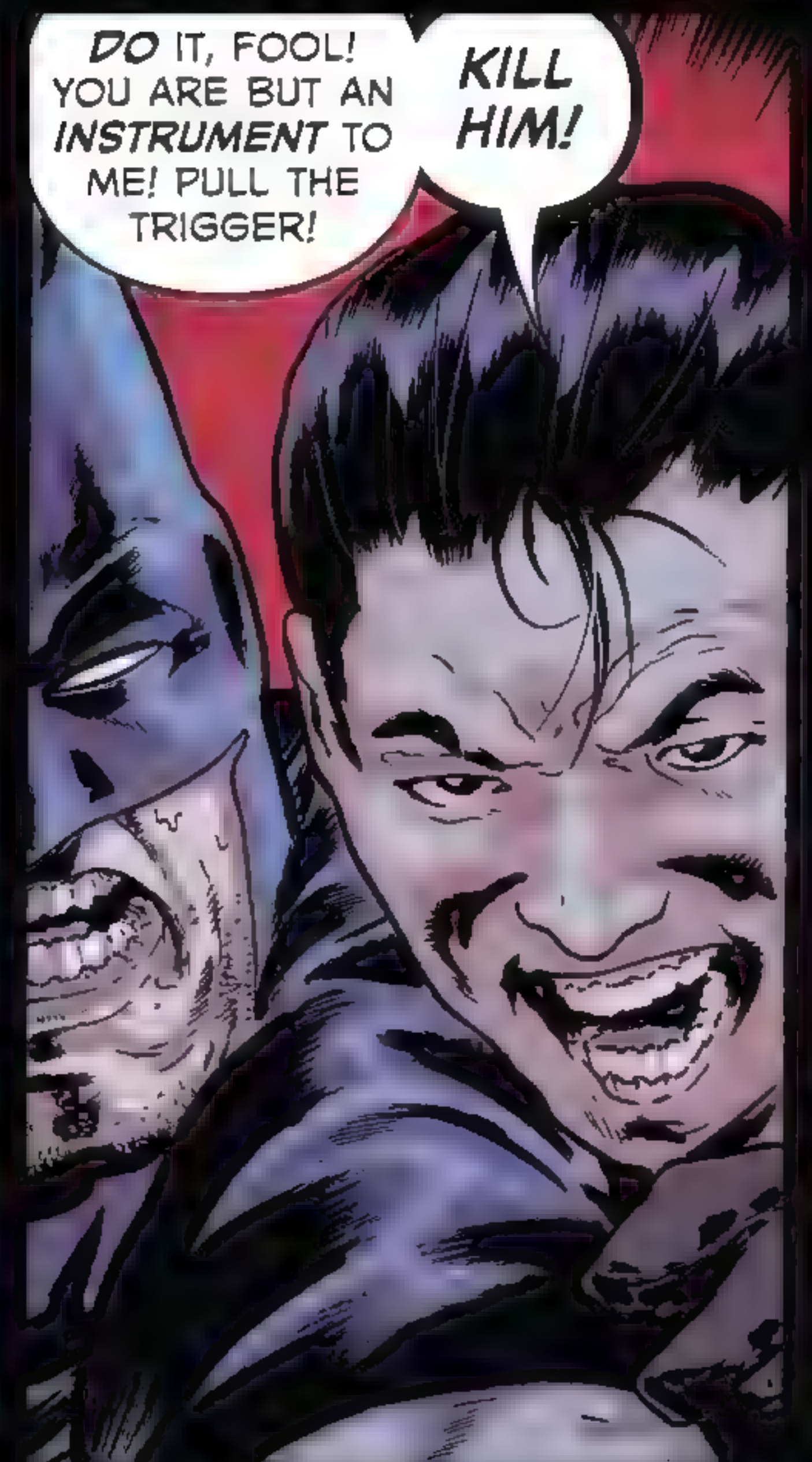
YOU PUT
THE GUN IN YOUR
HAND BECAUSE I
COMMANDED
IT.



AND YOU WILL
EXECUTE THE
SHADOW, YOUR
FEEBLE MENTOR,
BECAUSE I
DEMAND IT.



GRRRRK...
NO...NO.



DO IT, FOOL!
YOU ARE BUT AN
INSTRUMENT TO
ME! PULL THE
TRIGGER!

KILL
HIM!



KLIK



GAH!

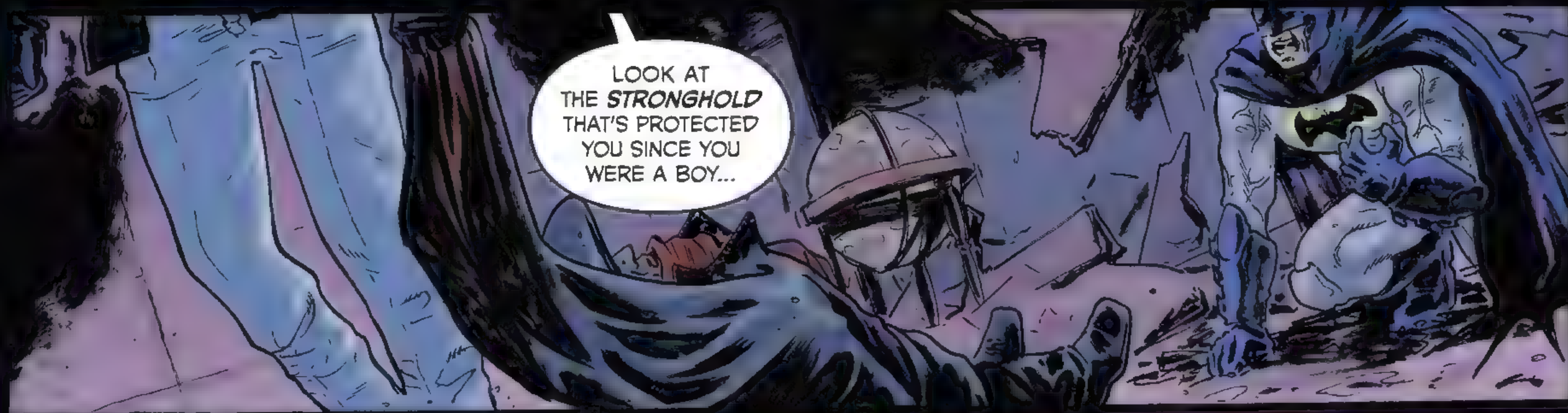
DON'T
FIGHT ME!
YIELD, WAYNE!
THINK!

I MUST
FINISH THIS!
DO NOT
MAKE ME--

GUH!

IT IS
FINISHED,
YING-KO.





"...AND THAT WE'VE
LONG HELD RIGHTS
TO A NATURAL GAS
POCKET DEEP BELOW
THIS PROPERTY."



FZZT

GAH!
ALFRED!

BAT-OPS!

FZZT

BAT-OPS!
REPLY!

YESZZZZT--
BAT-1?

ACTIVATE--
ACTIVATE
SECURE ROOM
PENNY-1!
NOW!

VZZT--
ACTIVATED,
BAT-1.

ACT--
ACTIVATE REGENCY--
REGENCY ROOM
FAILSAFE!

COME
ON. COME
ON.

KAK
KAK

VZACT--
ACTIVATED,
BAT-1.

SNAP

LAUNCH.

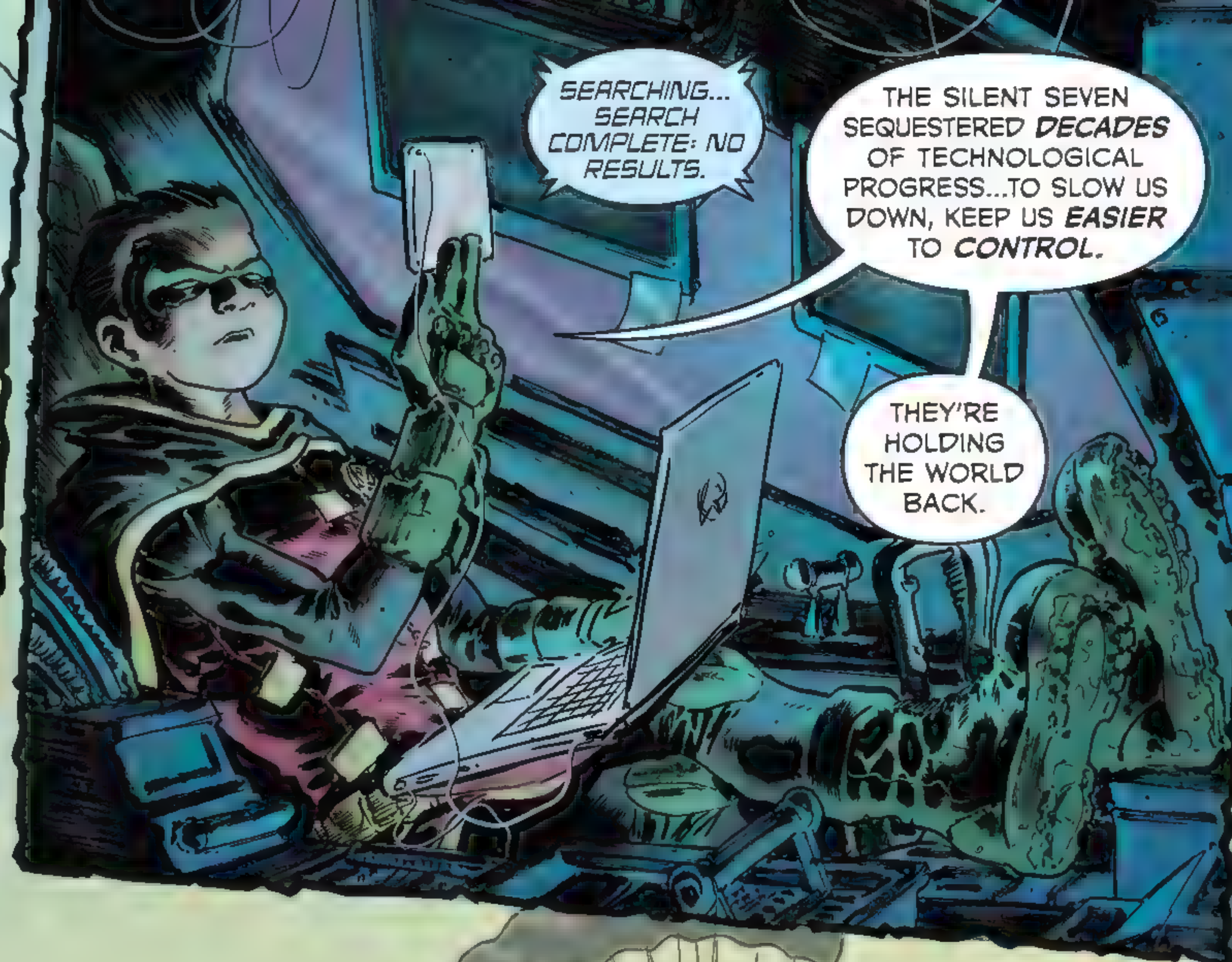
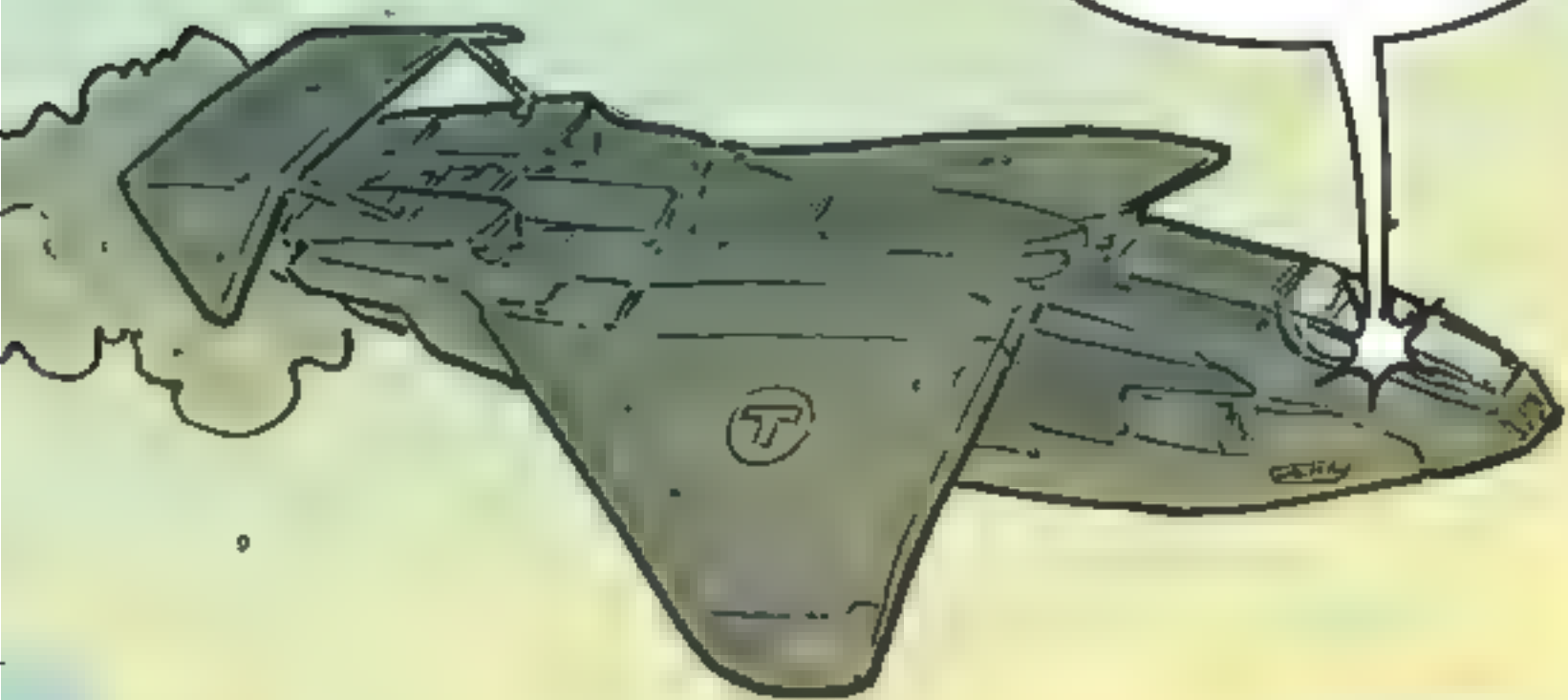
VOOM

ABOVE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

OPS: BEGIN
RECORDING. OPEN
FILE S-SEVEN-1
AND DISPLAY.

CONFIRMED.

OPS: HOW
MANY OF THE
RECOVERED FILES
MATCH EXISTING
PATENTS?



SEARCHING...
SEARCH
COMPLETE: NO
RESULTS.

THE SILENT SEVEN
SEQUESTERED *DECADES*
OF TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS...TO SLOW US
DOWN, KEEP US *EASIER*
TO CONTROL.

THEY'RE
HOLDING
THE WORLD
BACK.



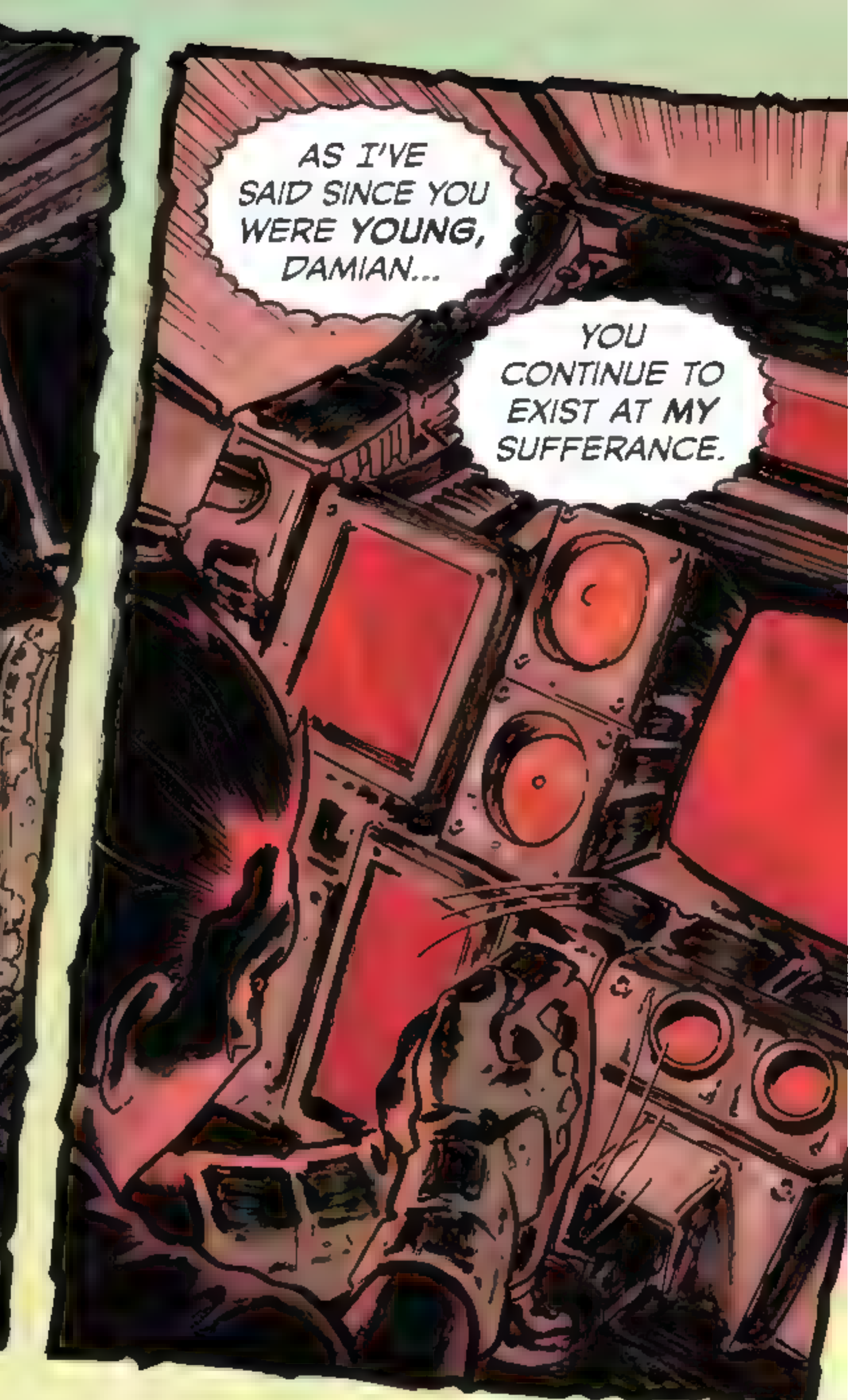
PROGRESS,
LIKE EVERYTHING
ELSE, FLOWS AT
OUR WHIM.

GRANDFATHER?!
WHAT?! HOW
ARE YOU IN MY
SYSTEMS?



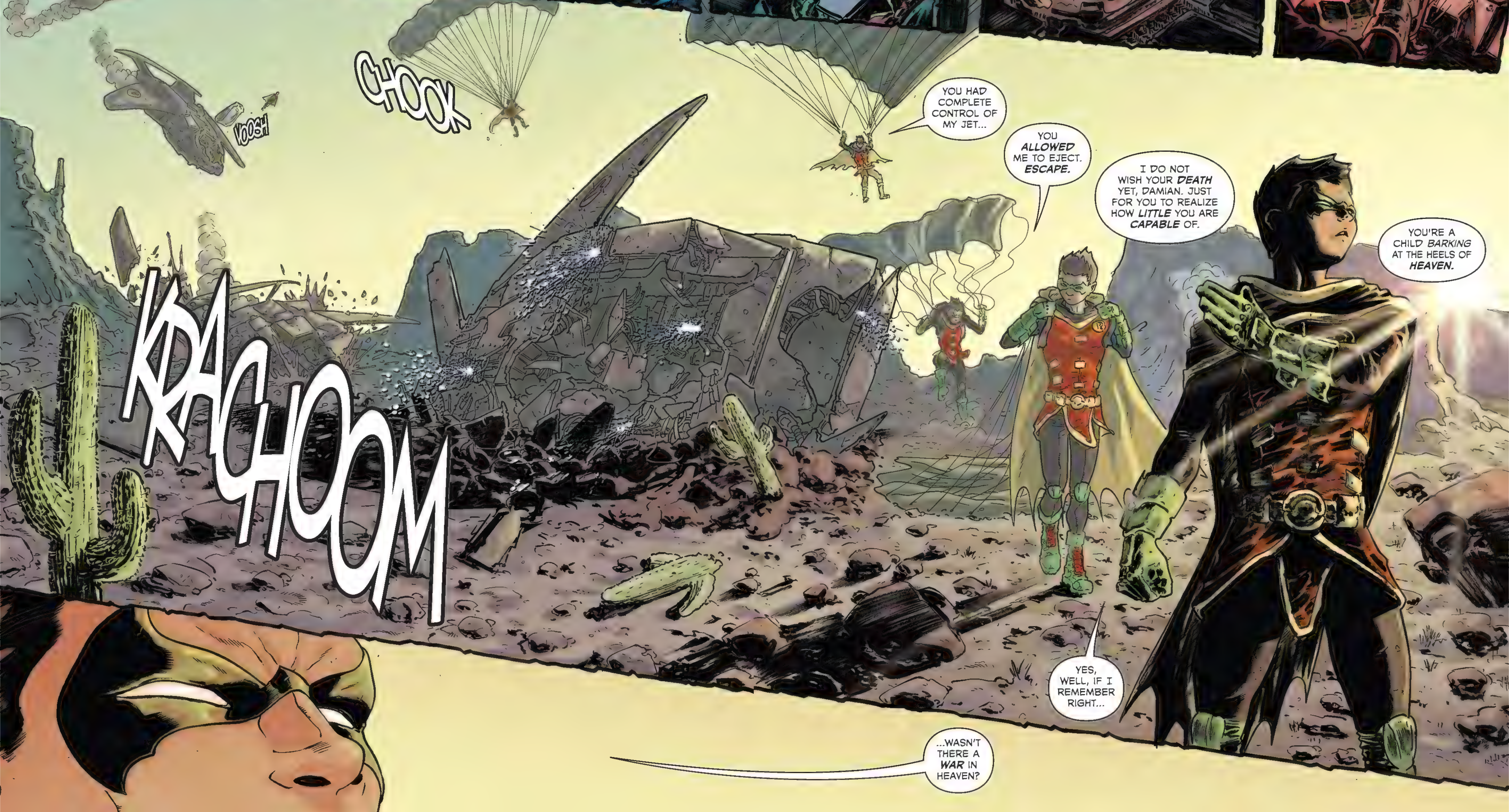
WE ENTER
ANY SYSTEM AT
WILL, INCLUDING
THOSE OF A TITANS
JUMP-JET. THIS IS
THE QUIET POWER
WE WIELD.

NO!
STOP!



AS I'VE
SAID SINCE YOU
WERE YOUNG,
DAMIAN...

YOU
CONTINUE TO
EXIST AT MY
SUFFERANCE.



CHOO

VOOSH

YOU HAD
COMPLETE
CONTROL OF
MY JET...

YOU
ALLOWED
ME TO EJECT.
ESCAPE.

I DO NOT
WISH YOUR *DEATH*
YET, DAMIAN. JUST
FOR YOU TO REALIZE
HOW *LITTLE* YOU ARE
CAPABLE OF.

YOU'RE A
CHILD BARKING
AT THE HEELS OF
HEAVEN.

YES,
WELL, IF I
REMEMBER
RIGHT...

...WASN'T
THERE A
WAR IN
HEAVEN?

THE BATCOVE.

GOTHAM HARBOR.

I HEARD **KHAN'S VOICE**. THEN I **WOKE** TO MY BEDROOM WALLS EXPLODING INTO **CRASHPADS**, MY BED RUPTURING WITH SHOCK-ABSORBING FLUID...

YOU TURNED MY **QUARTERS** INTO AN AIRBAG WITHOUT TELLING ME.

WOULD YOU HAVE **LET** ME OTHERWISE?

THAT BED WAS AN **ANTIQUE**. AND MASTER BRUCE...

...I CAN PERFORM MY **OWN FIRST AID**.

NOT **THIS** TIME, ALFRED. YOU'RE HURT BECAUSE OF **ME**. I BROUGHT KHAN TO OUR DOOR.

KHAN'S CONFIDENCE IS **ABSOLUTE**, HE HAS **NO TELLS**. I COULD STILL BE UNDER HIS CONTROL AND NOT KNOW.

IF HE CAN WORM INTO **EVERYONE'S MIND**, THEN I CAN'T TRUST **ANYONE**. NOT MYSELF...NOT **DAMIAN**...

THE SILENT SEVEN ARE SO ENTANGLED IN THE WORLD'S **INNER WORKINGS**...

I CAN **FIND** THEM, **STOP** THEM.

BUT THEY COULD TAKE EVERYTHING DOWN WITH THEM.



...THERE.

THANK YOU, MASTER BRUCE.

YOU **NEVER** HAVE TO THANK ME, ALFRED.

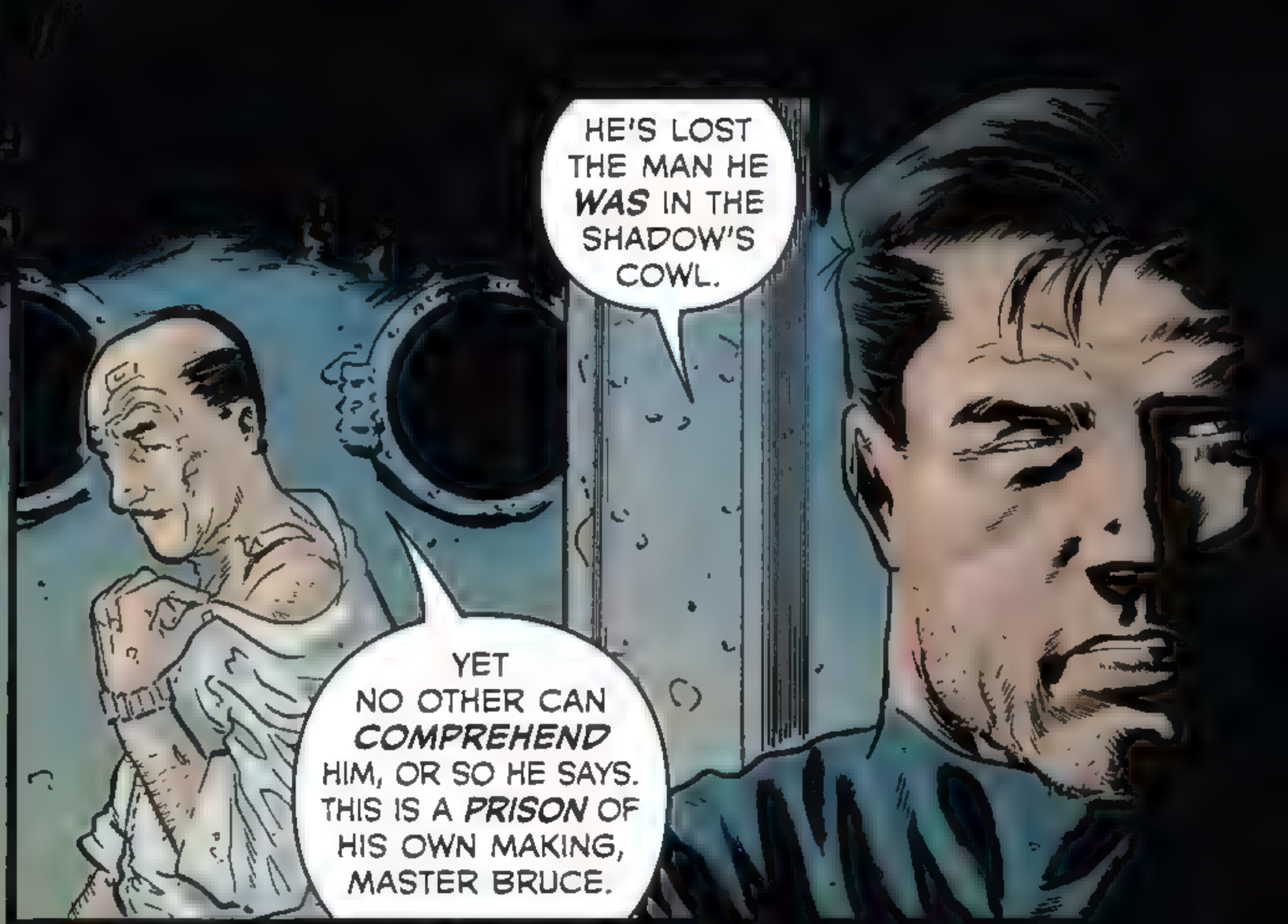
YET I ALWAYS WILL, SIR. YOU SAY KHAN **TOOK** THE SHADOW?

RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES. SHADOW MADE ME ACCEPT THE **UNDEFINABLE**. NOW KHAN ABUSES THAT.

SHADOW **DESTROYED** SHAMBA-LA TO STOP THE STAG. HIS DARKNESS IS **WORSE** THAN EVER WITH IT GONE.

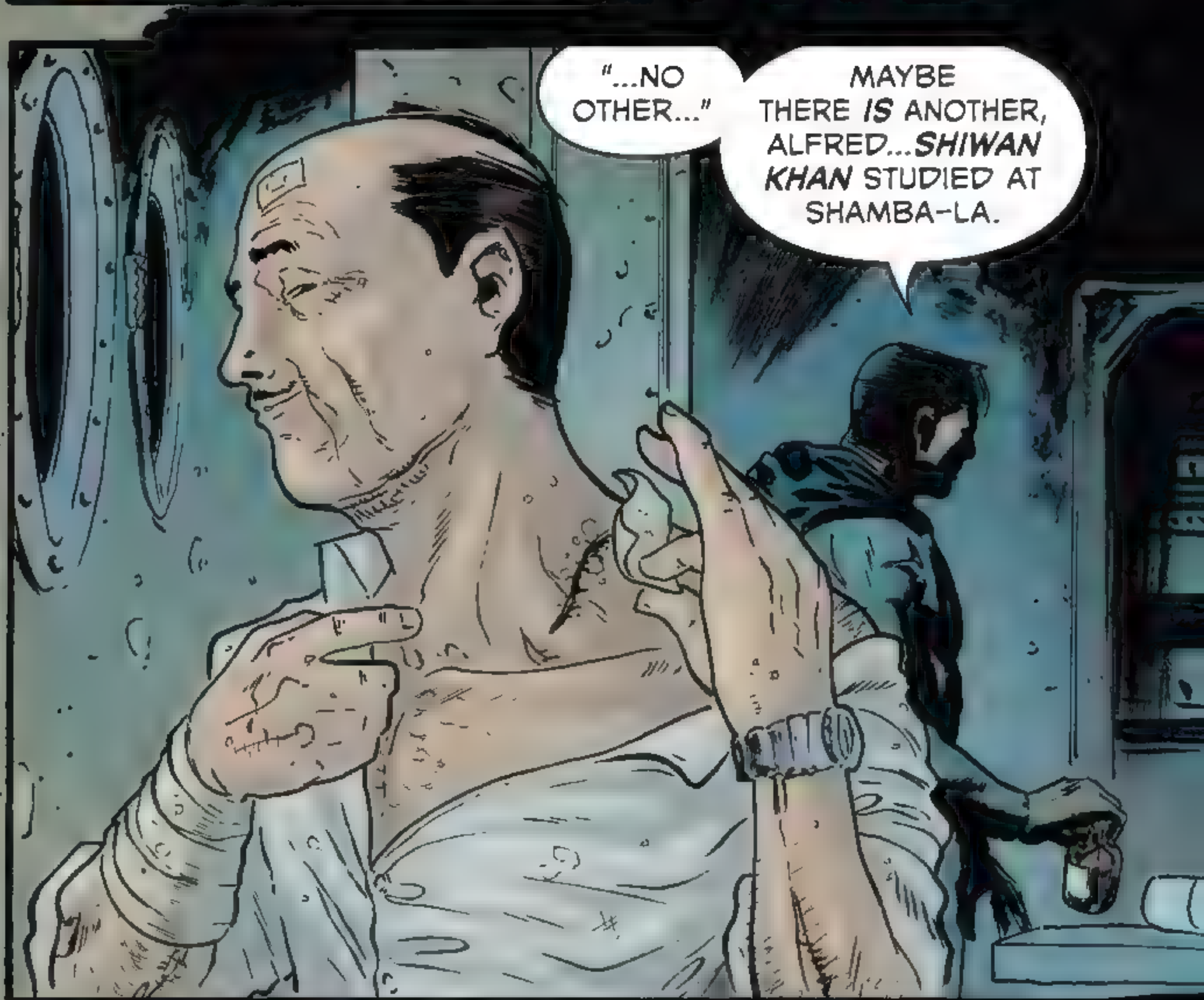


HE WILL **NEVER** BE TOLD HIS MISSION IS COMPLETE.



HE'S LOST THE MAN HE **WAS** IN THE SHADOW'S COWL.

YET NO OTHER CAN **COMPREHEND** HIM, OR SO HE SAYS. THIS IS A **PRISON** OF HIS OWN MAKING, MASTER BRUCE.




"...NO OTHER..."

MAYBE THERE **IS** ANOTHER, ALFRED... **SHIWAN KHAN** STUDIED AT SHAMBA-LA.



HE'S THE ONLY OTHER PERSON ON THE PLANET THAT REMEMBERS IT.

THE SHADOW **HATES** KHAN. HE **DOES...** BUT HE'S **ALLOWED** HIM TO LIVE...



...BECAUSE
SHIWAN KHAN
MIGHT KNOW
WHO THE
SHADOW IS.

...WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

THE
SHADOW...

...MAYBE
HE DOESN'T
WANT TO
DEFEAT KHAN
AT ALL.

INTERNATIONAL
WATERS.

MURDERER.

MADMAN.

CONQUEROR.

THIEF.

BASTARD.

BUTCHER.

YOU HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN
AN **AMATEUR**,
AT WAR WITH
YOURSELF...

...**INCAPABLE**
OF MASTERING
SHAMBA-LA'S
GREATEST
GIFTS.

YOU
HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN **WEAKER**
THAN ME,
YING-KO.

IS...IS
THAT WHAT I
WAS...WHO
I WAS..?

IT'S
INSULTING
THAT TRASH SUCH
AS YOU WOULD
OBSERVE MY
BIRTHRIGHT...



...I AM OWED
EVERYTHING.

DID YOU
THINK YOURSELF
MY *EQUAL*, ALL
THESE YEARS?

DO MEN
CONSIDER *FLIES*
THEIR EQUALS AS
THEY SWAT THEM
DOWN? NO. THEY
DON'T CONSIDER
THEM AT ALL.

AND WITH
THE *TEACHERS*
OF *SHAMBA-LA*
GONE...

WITH
YOUR ICONIC
WOMAN *DEAD*
IN THE
GROUND...

...THERE
IS NO ONE TO
CONSIDER YOU.
NO ONE CARES
IF YOU LIVE OR
DIE...

YOU WERE A
KILLER. A MANIAC.
WHY WOULD
THEY?

YOU DO
KNOW...

YOUR
CRIMES *PALED*
BEFORE MINE. BUT
YOUR HEART SOWED
SHAME WHERE THERE
SHOULD'VE BEEN
PRIDE.

...SHAMBA-LA
DOES NOT
ATTRACT...GOOD
MEN...



YOU
MOURN THAT
WHEN YOU SHOULD
CELEBRATE
IT.



INSTEAD, YOUR
MURDERS AND
CRIMES WEIGH ON
YOU AS THOSE OF
A *COMMONER*.

IT'S *PATHETIC*.
FOR ALL YOUR
INTRIGUE AND
CLENCHED FISTS,
YOU DO NOT
HATE *CRIME*,
SHADOW...



...YOU HATE
YOURSELF.

YOU...YOU
ARE *WRONG*...
I HATE...



...YOU.



NO.
YOU *ENVY*
ME.



SLEEP.

THUD

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

YOU'RE HERE TO REMIND ME OF MY PLACE?

YOUR WORDS.

ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE IS REMIND ME OF MY PURPOSE. MY DESTINY...MY ROLE IN YOUR PLANS.

I AM YOUR GRANDFATHER.

YOU ARE NOTHING. JUST A LIAR WHO BETRAYED NOT ONLY HIS GRANDSON, BUT HIS DAUGHTER, FOR GREATER POWER.

...YOU YET THINK IN TERMS OF MORTAL EXPECTATIONS.

THIS WORLD MUST BE **SAVED** FROM ITS PEOPLE. IF YOU THINK THERE IS **ANYTHING** I WOULD NOT SACRIFICE FOR THAT, THEN EVEN NOW...YOU'VE LEARNED **NOTHING** FROM ME.

YOU WERE, AND HAVE BEEN, ONE OF MY **GREATEST CREATIONS**, DAMIAN.

MY LIFE WAS CAST THROUGH THE LENS OF **YOUR NEEDS**, YOURS AND MY MOTHER'S.

YOU **CONDITIONED** ME TO BE A TOOL IN A WAR THAT WAS JUST A **DISTRACTION** FOR YOUR TRUE AIMS.

I CALL YOU GRANDFATHER BECAUSE I SPENT YEARS SAYING IT, **REPEATING** IT BY THE SWORD YOU HELD AT MY NECK.

I **DO** LEARN. AND NOT JUST FROM YOU...

FAMILIES **CHANGE**, BOY. WE ARE NOW BUT **TWO**.

BUT EVEN **THOSE**, I FIND, WERE A **LIE**...YET ANOTHER **FACADE** HIDING THE **REAL** YOU.

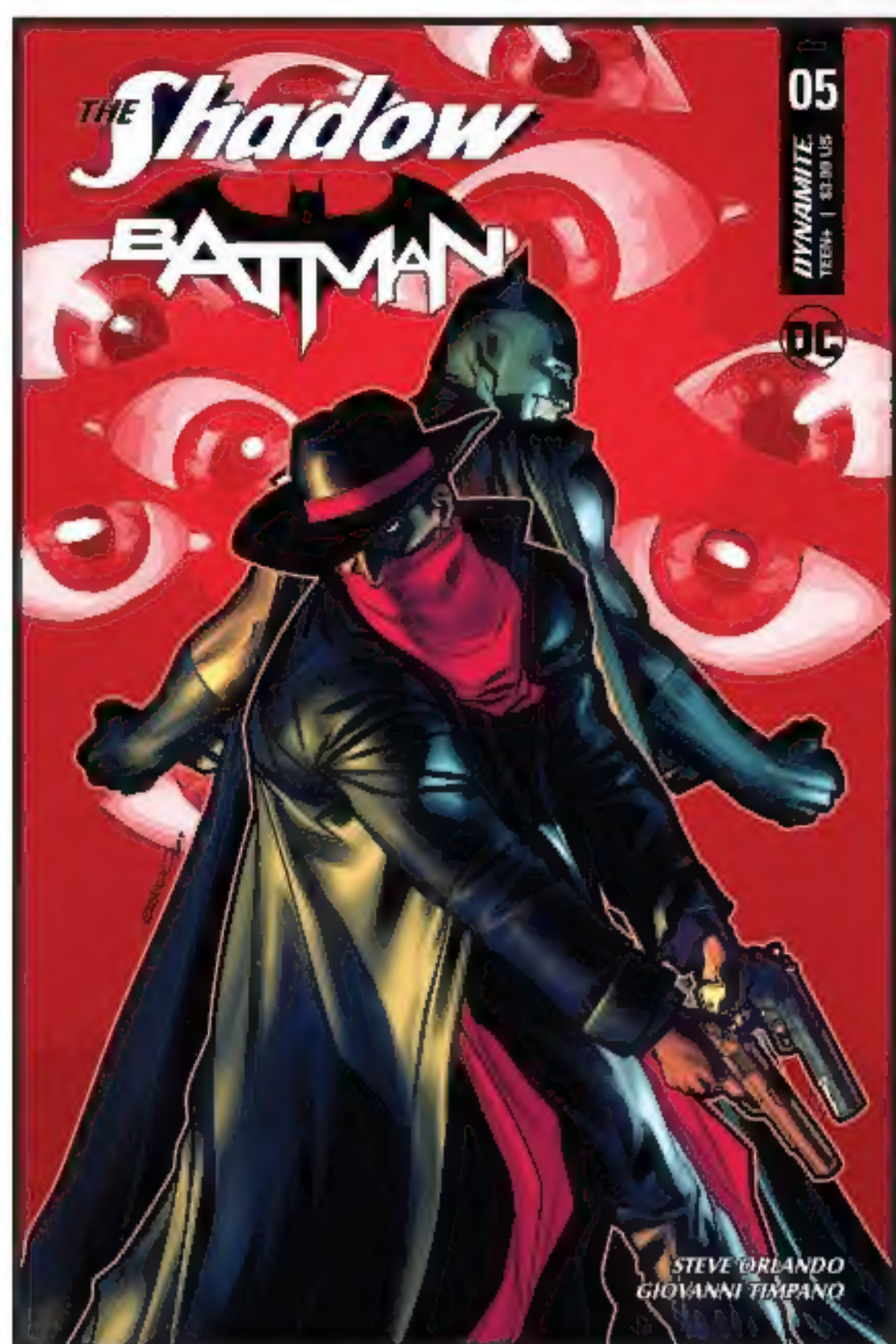
THE **SILENT SEVEN** WAS YOUR **TRUE** FAMILY. YOU AND THE SIX PEOPLE YOU **TRULY** TRUST.



YOUR
CRIMES, LONG
AND BLOODY,
HAVE BORE
BITTER FRUIT,
RA'S...

...SHALL
WE FEAST?

NEXT: DARK DUELS



NEXT ISSUE

The Silent Seven fight a war on multiple fronts. But if you follow the strings high enough, are Batman, the Shadow, and Robin still just puppets? Robin and the Shadow fight for their lives, while the actions of the Seven leave Batman unsure if he can trust anyone in his life, including himself.

Three generations of crimefighting are deserted and alone, but if they can come together to finally confront the Seven where they live, is it their final victory? Or exactly what the Seven has wanted all along?

DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT SIGNS MEREDITH FINCH TO PEN NEW XENA SERIES!

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS PUBLISHING DEAL

Dynamite Entertainment, a leading publisher of English language comic books and graphic novels, is proud to announce the extension of their publishing deal with NBCUniversal Television Consumer Products for comic books and graphic novels based on the *Xena: Warrior Princess* television series. The first new series is set to launch in February 2018 with *Xena #1* from writer Meredith Finch (*Wonder Woman*, *Justice League Saga*, *Rose*)! Finch will be joined by husband David (X-Men, Wolverine), who will lend his legendary talents by serving as cover artist for the series debut issue!

Writer Meredith Finch says, "In an industry filled with strong female superheroes, Xena stands out as a woman who's only super power is her sheer strength of will and character. She has overcome tremendous obstacles to become a beacon of hope for her people and readers alike. I could not be more thrilled to have the opportunity to add to her mythos."

Meredith Finch is a comic book writer, best known for her work on DC Comic's *Wonder Woman* in 2011. Since, she has worked with a number of top publishers and most recently launched her first creator-owned series, *Rose*, in 2017.

The *Xena: Warrior Princess* franchise first expanded into comic books in 1997 with several series published by Topps Comics, including crossovers with their *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* comics. Two years later, Dark Horse acquired the rights and published a fourteen-issue series. In 2006, Dynamite Entertainment acquired the rights, publishing *Xena: Warrior Princess* #1-4 (the "Contest of Pantheons" storyline) and a second series, subtitled *Dark Xena*. Also, two tongue-in-cheek crossover series materialized with Dynamite's long-running *Army of Darkness* series, as both *Xena* and *Army of Darkness* had roots at Renaissance Pictures and featured actor and cult film hero Bruce Campbell. In 2015, Dynamite reacquired the *Xena* license, publishing a new core series, an additional *Army of Darkness* crossover (subtitled *Forever and a Day*), and high-quality reprints of classic *Xena* comic books from the 1990s and early 2000s.

"We're proud to be the comic book home for *Xena: Warrior Princess*, now and for the future," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite. "The fit is perfect: between our library of licensed fantasy (*A Game of Thrones*, *Warlord of Mars*, *Army of Darkness*, *Wheel of Time*, etc.) and penchant for strong, charismatic female protagonists (*Sheena*, *Vampirella*, *Red Sonja*, *Barbarella*, and more), Dynamite is the perfect arena for the continuing adventures of Xena and Gabrielle! And there could not be a better writer than Meredith Finch to convey Xena's strength and power, and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to work with both Meredith and David on this exciting new launch!"

Xena #1 will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' December 2017 Previews catalog, the premier source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release in February 2018. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of *Xena #1* with their local comic book retailers. *Xena #1* will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, Kindle, iBooks, Google Play, Dynamite Digital, iVerse, Madefire, and Dark Horse Digital.

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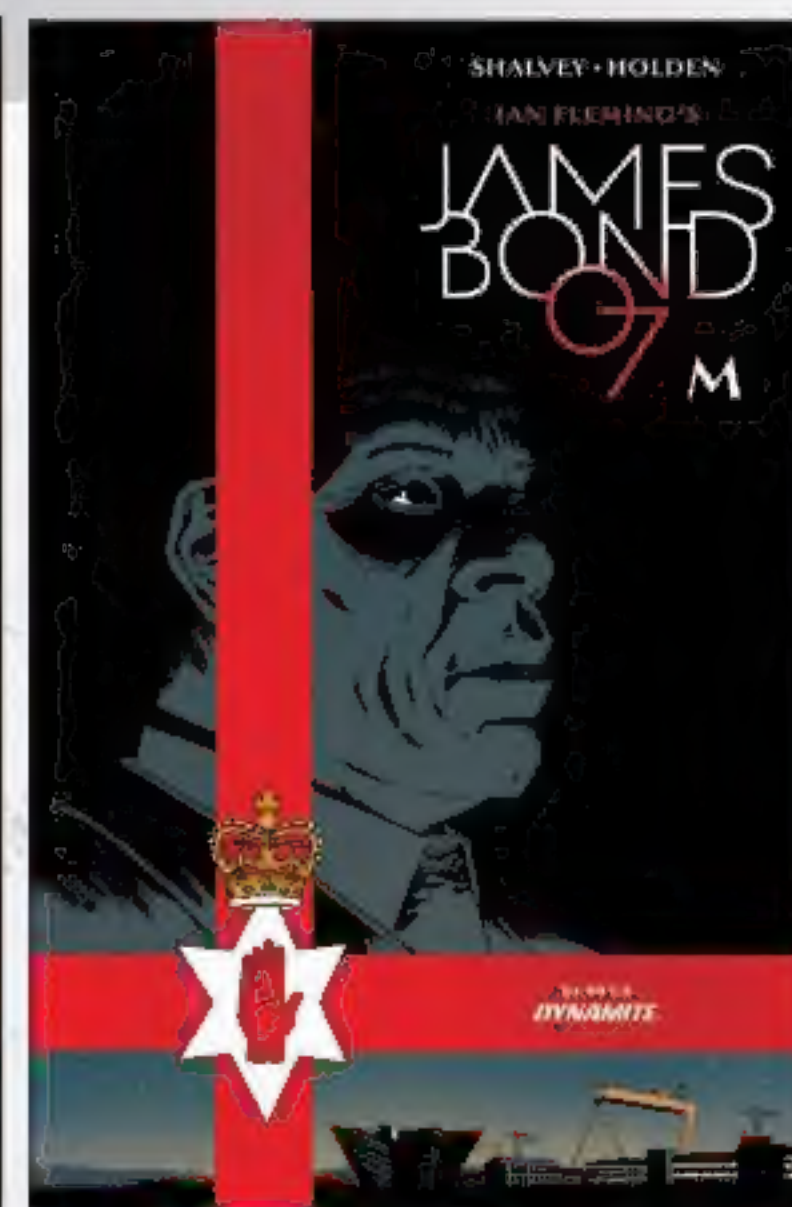
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